

ware from his royale Highness which I lay claime to but you would not as you then said accept thereof because you knew it was mine the same I heare you have now possesst yourselfe of I onely desire to know upon what tearmes you claime.

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W. Pen. If the Lord Baltemore please I desire we may first conclude our former discourse and then I shall shew myselfe most willing and ready to give you all satisfaction I can in that point.

Lord B. I am willing and have allways been ready to conclude the business of the bounds according as my Pattent directs me.

W. Pen. I conceive that where there is a certaine degree allowed of and generally received for the space of soe many years to comence there and soe proceed by measure to the fortieth degree is the most equall way can be proposed and am willing to be concluded thereby and hope the Lord Baltemore may not be opposite to it and if that which is not the hundredth part of my Lord Baltimore's interest may be ninety nine parts of the hundred of mine nay possibly sine quo non that upon which the rest wholly depends the Lord Baltemore I request will not place my eagerness therein to the account of my disrespect but of my interest and honest endeavours to hold a faire and amicable correspondency with him for that I cannot imagine that fifty or sixty yeares experience and general concurrence in opinion could have any designe of favoure or prejudice either to the Lord Baltemore or myselfe.

Lord B. The latitude of the Capes was taken by a sea Quadrant which by noe artist will be held for exact and certaine as an Instrument of six, eight or tenn foote diameter and with such an instrument I desire to have the degree of forty taken

W. Pen. I doe not apprehend that a sea quadrant can have any prejudice for the Lord Baltemore more then for William Pen.

Lord B. I say that it was more uncertaine the observation formerly taken at the Capes by a Sea Quadrant then an observation now to be taken of the fortieth degree of Northern latitude with such a fixt land Instrument as I have already made mention of can be.

W. Pen. You say true the taking of thirty seaven then may be as uncertaine as the taking of forty now, but I say an uncertainty of soe long standing and soe generally received and approved of by all persons when neither the instrument nor observator could be imagined to have any design of interest or prejudice for either of us is safer to depend on then to runn into new errors and then if it fall within my Lord Baltemore's bounds I hope he will be kind to me and if within mine I shall approve myselfe as kind to the Lord Baltemore as I intended.